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Subject: Proposed settlement: You've got to be kidding

It is with shock, amazement and no small amount of disappointment that I've read the terms associated with the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust actions.

I cannot believe that after the years of research and litigation involved in this effort that the Department of Justice is wholly ignorant of what Microsoft has done and what they are likely to do in the future if such an anemic set of 'guidelines' and 'restrictions' are imposed. My composing and presenting a lengthy argument to you via eMail is likely not to have any kind of impact (if it is even read) so I will not waste my time.

In summary, please take this eMail as an emphatic vote against the current settlement and for a much stronger solution. After 20 years in the industry - the last 12 of which have been in the SiliconValley, I can hardly imagine a greater danger to innovation and customer choice than Microsoft being 'forced' to operate under these guidelines - except perhaps an unfettered Microsoft. Please understand that you have the burden of an incredible responsibility on your shoulders and tens of millions of people are depending on you. Please don't fail us.

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